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Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir,

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005 ("Office Action"), having a one-month shortened period of response set to expire by August 1, 2005. Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to September 1, 2005.